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1. Troop strength of the 21 military districts of the USSR:

Arkhangel MD

Headquarters: Arkhangel  
 Commander: Lt. Gen. Shcherbakov (April 1948)  
 1 corps  
 1 division

White Sea MD

Headquarters: Petrozavodsk  
 Commander: Col. Gen. Shumilov  
 1 army  
 1 corps  
 6-7 divisions

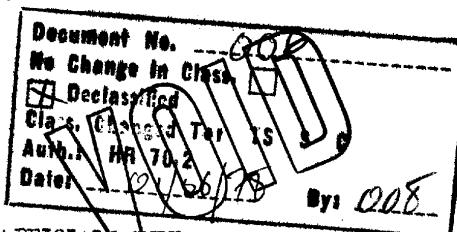
Leningrad MD

Headquarters: Leningrad  
 Commander: Col. Gen. D. N. Gusev  
 1 army  
 1 corps  
 9-10 divisions

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Baltic MD

Headquarters: Riga  
 Commander: Army Gen. I. Kh. Bagramyan  
 2 armies  
 4 corps  
 9-10 divisions



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Belorussian MD

Headquarters: Minsk  
Commander: Col. Gen. S. G. Trofimenko  
1 army  
2 corps  
8-9 divisions

Carpathian MD

Headquarters: Lvov  
Commander: Col. Gen. K. Galitski  
1 army  
3 corps  
8-9 divisions

Odessa MD

Headquarters: Odessa  
Commander: Col. Gen. M. Pukhov (June 1949)  
1 army  
2 corps  
6 divisions

Tauric MD

Headquarters: Simferopol  
Commander: Col. Gen. Popov  
1 corps  
2 divisions

Kiev MD

Headquarters: Kiev  
Commander: Col. Gen. A. A. Grechko  
1 army  
2 corps  
9-10 divisions

Moscow MD

Headquarters: Moscow  
Commander: Marshal K. Meretskov  
1 army  
3 corps  
8-9 divisions

Transcaucasus MD

Headquarters: Tbilisi  
Commander: Army Gen. Kurasov\*  
3 armies  
17-18 divisions

North Caucasus MD

Headquarters: Rostov  
Commander: Col. Gen. Belov or Col. Gen. Romanovski  
1 corps  
4-5 divisions

Volga MD

Headquarters: Kuibyshev  
Commander: Col. Gen. Yuchkevich  
1 corps  
4-5 divisions

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## Turkestan MD

Headquarters: Tashkent  
 Commander: Army Gen. Petrov  
 1 army  
 2 corps  
 4-5 divisions

## South Ural MD

Headquarters: Chkalov  
 1 corps  
 2 divisions

## Ural MD

Headquarters: Sverdlovsk  
 Commander: Col. Gen. F. I. Kuznetsov  
 1 corps  
 2 divisions

## West Siberian MD

Headquarters: Novosibirsk  
 Commander: Army Gen. Yeremenko  
 1 corps  
 3 divisions

## East Siberian MD

Headquarters: Irkutsk or Yakutsk  
 Commander: Army Gen. Zakharov

## Transbaikal MD

-- 16-17 divisions

Headquarters: Chita  
 Commander: Col. Gen. Korotev (March 1948)

## Far East MD

Headquarters: Khabarovsk  
 Commander: Gen. Porkaiyev\*\*

## Maritime MD

-- 10-11 divisions

Headquarters: Voroshilov  
 Commander: Col. Gen. Biryuzov

TOTAL: 128 to 141 divisions, not counting units stationed in the occupied areas of Europe.

2. Probable operational regroupment of forces:Army of the West (European Russia)

Headquarters: probably Minsk  
 Commander: probably Marshal S. Timoshenko  
 Components:

Arkhangel MD	1 division	15,000 men	)	Probably regrouped under
White Sea MD	6-7 divisions	75,000 men	)	the Northern Command

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## Northern Group of Forces (Baltic Sea)

Headquarters: probably Kaliningrad  
 Leningrad MD 9-10 divisions 130,000 men ) 18-20 divisions  
 Baltic MD 9-10 divisions 135,000 men ) 265,000 men

## Central Group of Forces

Headquarters: Minsk  
 Belorussian MD 8-9 divisions 120,000 men )  
 Carpathian MD 8-9 divisions 120,000 men ) 20-22 divisions  
 Troops in Austria, Hungary,  
 Czechoslovakia 4 divisions 65,000 men ) 305,000 men  
 (including one AAA division)

## Southern Group of Forces

Headquarters: Odessa  
 Odessa MD 6 divisions 85,000 men )  
 Tauric MD 2 divisions 25,000 men ) 20-21 divisions  
 Kiev MD 9-10 divisions 130,000 men ) 270,000 men  
 Troops in Rumania 3 divisions 40,000 men )  
 (including one AAA division)  
 Elements in Albania & Bulgaria

## Group of Occupation Forces in Germany and Poland

Headquarters: probably Leczyca (north of Lodz)  
 Commander: Marshal Rokossovski  
 Troops in Germany 26 divisions 350,000 men )  
 (including 2 artillery and 1 AAA divisions) ) 29-32 divisions  
 Troops in Poland 3-6 divisions 60,000 men ) 410,000 men

Moscow MD (probably reserve for Army of the West)  
 8-9 divisions 120,000 men

Army of the Middle East

Commander: Marshal Tolbukhin\*\*\*  
 Transcaucasus MD 17-18 divisions 300,000 men )  
 North Caucasus MD 4-5 divisions 70,000 men ) 25-28 divisions  
 Turkestan MD 4-5 divisions 70,000 men ) 440,000 men

Army of the East and the Far East

Headquarters: Chita  
 Commander: Marshal Malinovski  
 West Siberian MD 3 divisions 40,000 men )  
 East Siberian MD ) 16-17 divisions 260,000 men ) 29-31 divisions  
 Transbaikal MD ) 450,000 men  
 Far East-Amur MD ) 10-11 divisions 150,000 men  
 Maritime MD )

General reserve

Headquarters: Chkalov  
 Commander: Marshal Zhukov  
 Volga MD 4-5 divisions )  
 Ural MD 2 divisions ) 8-9 divisions  
 South Ural MD 2 divisions ) 120,000 men

TOTAL:\*\*\*\* Men 2,470,000  
 Divisions (exclusive  
 of artillery and AAA) 157-173

Composed of approximately:  
 Infantry divisions 40-65  
 Motorized infantry divisions 50  
 Mechanized divisions 30  
 Armored divisions 30  
 Cavalry divisions 7-8

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3. Estimate of forces located outside the USSR:

Country	Men	Motor. Inf Div	Mech Div	Armored Div	Arty Div	AAA Div
Germany	350,000	4	10	8	2 @	2 @
Austria-Hungary	65,000	1	2	-	-	1
Rumania	40,000	-	1	1	-	1
Poland	60,000	1-2	1-2	1-2	-	-
Czechoslovakia )						
Bulgaria )--	9,000	-	-	-	-	-
Albania )						
	524,000	6-7	14-15	10-11	2	4
					30-33	

@Inferred on the basis of the supposition that six armies would normally carry a total of six artillery divisions.

4. Chief of the Political Administration of the Armed Forces:

Col. Gen. F. F. Kuznetsov - Chief of the Main Administration  
 Lt. Gen. S. S. Shatilov - Vice Chief  
 Vice Adm. A. A. Nikolaiyev\*\*\* - Vice Chief  
 Lt. Gen. V. E. Makarov - Vice Chief  
 Lt. Gen. M. M. Pronin - Vice Chief

Political Administration of Land Forces

Lt. Gen. S. F. Galatsev - Chief of the Political Administration  
 Maj. Gen. V. V. Danilov - Vice Chief

Political Administration of Naval Forces

Maj. Gen. A. A. Muraviyev - Chief  
 Vice Adm. N. M. Kulakov - Vice Chief

Political Administration of Air Forces

Lt. Gen. Lukashin - Chief  
 Lt. Gen. V. Ya. Klokov - Vice Chief

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Comments:

\*Although not previously reported, this assignment of Kurasov seems possible. Kurasov, former Soviet High Commissioner in Austria, returned to Moscow for reassignment in May 1949. In June 1949, Army Gen. Antonov signed an article as acting commander of troops in the Transcaucasus MD, indicating the illness or incapacity of Tolbukhin, former CO of the Transcaucasus MD who died recently.

\*\*Reportedly replaced in June 1948.

\*\*\*Died since date of information of this report.

\*\*\*\*As received. The figures in the breakdown total 157 - 183 divisions while the divisions listed in paras. 1 and 3 total 164 - 180. The figures in para. 2 total 2,350,000 men and 156 - 171 divisions.

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